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District F News

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Greetings!

This has been a very busy month for our district! Aside from the day-to-day operations, this month we hosted our district capital improvement (CIP) meeting, a small business seminar, conducted a crime prevention block walk through neighborhoods in our district, participated in multiple community meetings, and finalized preparations for our first community cleanup.

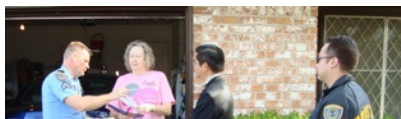
For those who attended our CIP meeting, or submitted project requests, we formally submitted requests for review and consideration to the administration. Upon completion of the review sessions, a proposed CIP will be presented to City Council for final review and adoption. I look forward to updating you all on particular projects in subsequent newsletters.

We also have a couple of projects coming up. The first is the annual neighborhood cleanup in Alief on Saturday, April 10 at 8 AM. Also, beginning Tuesday, April 13, Bonham Acres will be the first neighborhood in the district to be added to the city's automated recycling program. Our office has been in talks with Solid Waste and we hope to be able to add more neighborhoods later this year. Finally, we're in the process of finalizing details for our new district satellite office! I plan to have more information on this in next month's newsletter.

Respectfully,

Al Hoang
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Crime Prevention Block Walk



Council Member Al Hoang joined Houston Police officers from the Westside Patrol Division on a crime



With Councilman Hoang, Mayor Parker, Judge Emmett, and census officials



REMINDER: Compostable Bags

As of April 5, 2010, in an effort to save taxpayers substantial money and keep compostable yard waste from needlessly filling up costly landfills, **the City of Houston is requiring the use of compostable bags** for YARD WASTE ONLY.

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prevention block walk through several neighborhoods in southwest Houston. They were targeting neighborhoods that have recently experienced increases in non-violent crime. "It's important to remain proactive and vigilant," said Hoang. "We're going door-to-door, speaking with residents and sharing valuable crime prevention tips." Hoang led the walk through the Park Glen neighborhood and the Happy Village apartment complex near Sharpstown.

According to the Houston Police Department's crime data, in the last month alone, there have been nearly 30 incidents in Park Glen, most dealing with burglaries and theft. Nearly twice as many incidents were reported near the Happy Village apartments. Officers provided informative pamphlets and shared theft prevention tips with residents, while the Council Member and his staff shared information about other city services.

March is recognized as "March on Crime" month by the Houston Police Department, but Council Member Hoang hopes block walks like the one he organized will occur more regularly. "I'm working to make these types of crime prevention block walks a routine. It's great to have our officers proactively interacting with residents," Hoang added, "residents really appreciate this positive interaction with our officers."



Alief Neighborhood Cleanup



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Council Member Al Hoang is pleased to announce the first community cleanup in District F. The cleanup, which will take place **Saturday, April 10 at 8 AM**, is an annual project organized by several neighborhood groups and community leaders including, Keep Houston Beautiful, International Management District, Alief Community Association, and Alief Super neighborhood.

This year's cleanup will target major thoroughfares in Alief. Volunteers should meet at Alief Park ([11903 Bellaire Blvd at Kirkwood](#)) at 7:30 AM for breakfast and cleanup assignments. "I certainly encourage everyone to join us for this wonderful civic project," said Hoang. "The entire Alief community does a tremendous job every year, and we know this year's cleanup will be another success."

The tools and supplies needed for this project will be provided. Lunch will also be provided after the cleanup. For more information please contact Dawn Hurd at 832-393-3002.

Support Houston Police Officer

A Houston police officer is being recognized by



the FOX Television show *America's Most Wanted*. Senior Officer Richard Salter is one of the 8 finalists in the running to be the 2010 *America's Most Wanted* All-Star Winner. **You will be able to vote for officer Salter beginning at 12:00 AM (EDT) on April 15, 2010.** You can vote online by visiting www.amw.com/allstar. Voting ends at 11:59 PM (EDT) on May 3, 2010.



Officer Salter

In March 2009, Officer Salter along with a squad of officers were serving a narcotics search warrant at a house in Houston when his life changed dramatically. Officer Salter was the leading man when the officers broke down the door of the house to arrest the suspected heroin dealer. The confrontation resulted in Officer Salter's sustaining serious injuries from a gunshot to the face from a large caliber weapon. The accompanying officers in defense returned gun fire and eliminated the gunman. Upon investigation of the incident it was determined that the suspect was living in a heavily fortified residence with an elaborate surveillance system that he monitored through a large screen television which undermined the officers' element of surprise.

Officer Richard Salter has served in law enforcement for nearly three decades and now he must consider retirement not because he lost his heart to serve but due to the severity of his injuries. For his courageous and brave actions that day, Senior Officer Richard Salter was honored on October 21, 2009 when Texas Governor Rick Perry presented him with the Star of Texas Award in a special ceremony.

On the Lookout



Keep **Houston
SAFE**

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of two men in the 11400 block of Carvel about 10:50 PM on April 1, 2010. Both victims, 24 and 30, suffered multiple gunshot wounds and were pronounced dead at the scene. The identities of both men are pending verification by the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office.

Officers at the scene reported: *both victims were parked in the 11400 block of Carvel when they were approached by two unknown male suspects. At some point, both suspects shot the victims and then fled the scene in one of the victims' vehicles. That vehicle was later recovered. The suspects are described only as Hispanic males. At this time, the motive for the shooting appears to be robbery.*

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

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